

SPORTING NEWS

PITCHER BAN UNAVAILING IN THE LEAGUES

(BY JACK VEIOCK)
(STAFF CORRESPONDENT I. N. S. SERVICE)
NEW YORK, April 23.—The ban on freaks and the new pitching rules have had no noticeable effect to date on the work of major league pitchers who are in condition.

With the season entering its second week today it appears that the pitchers still have the upper hand and that any batter who amasses a fat average will have to work just as hard for it as ever before.

The leading box men, no doubt are further advanced than the batters, but the work of such twisters as Cicotte, Williams, Vaughn, Toney, Carlson, Bush and Oeschger and Coveleskie indicates that the art of pitching is just as fine as ever.

Cicotte's performance against the Detroit Tigers when he shut them out with five hits was the most significant pitching exhibition of the current baseball week. The veteran Chicago star, reputed to have invented or perfected the "shine ball" which is now taboo, has apparently lost none of his cunning.

Oeschger of the Braves, who white-washed the Giants in their recent series came back in his regular turn and pitched ten scoreless innings against Brooklyn before he was beaten in extra frames. Such pitching leaves little for the batter to gloat over.

As the season grows older the work of the batsman will improve rapidly, but when hot weather arrives the effectiveness of the pitchers will increase. So there is no particular reason to expect the annual crop of .300 hitters will be much larger this season than in past years.

WHITING COLTS VS. COPENHAGEN A. C.

The Whiting Colts baseball team are going to play their first game of the season with the strong Copenhagen A. C. of Whiting, Sunday, April 25, at New York ave. grounds, at 2 p. m. Both teams are composed of stars. Pasenlos with his record of twenty strikeouts per game will be there for Copenhagen A. C. White Schultze, the Colts' star twister, will oppose him.

The Whiting Colts would also like to arrange games with any team in Lake county whose average is from 15 to 19 years for games. Call Whiting 485 between 2 and 5 p. m. and ask for Mike or write to S. J. Muszyn, 1115 Schrage ave.

Bleachers Fall In At Valparaiso Ball Game

VALPARAISO, Ind., April 23.—A section of the bleachers fell in carrying rooters, at yesterday afternoon's baseball game between Valparaiso University and Armour Institute, which went to the former, 11 to 2. A number were hurt slightly in the collapse of the stands.

The score:
Valparaiso 2 4 2 0 0 0 2 1—11
Armour 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 1—2

Jack Johnson Boxes Four Rounds in Tia Juana Ring

SAN DIEGO, Calif., April 23.—Jack Johnson, former heavyweight champion, displayed much of his former agility in a four-round exhibition with Ray Noel at Tia Juana, Lower California, according to ringside critics.

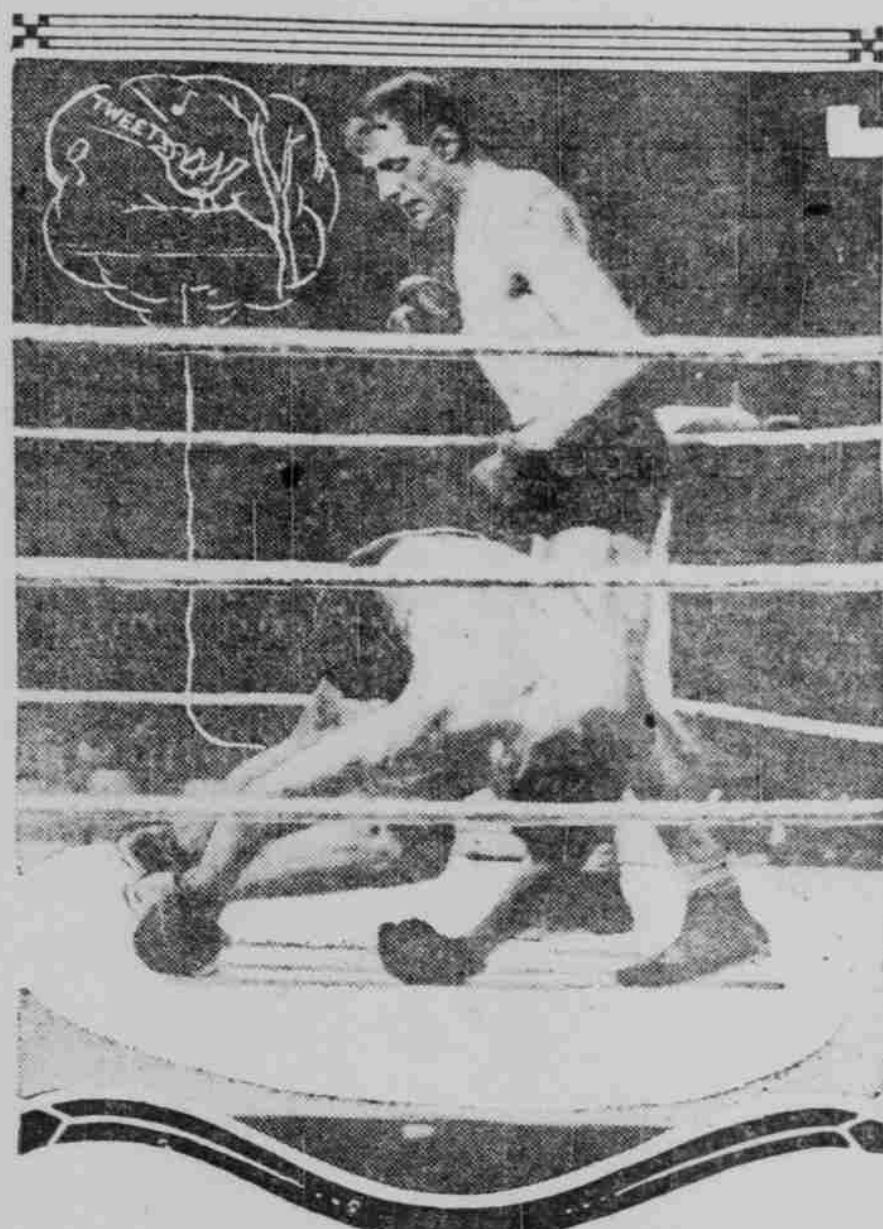
Kilbane Slams Kayo Punch To Alvie Miller in Seventh

LORAIN, O., April 23.—Johnny Kilbane of Cleveland, featherweight champion, knocked out Alvie Miller of Lorain in the seventh of a scheduled ten-round bout.

MURPHY OUTFIGHTS BILL HENRY

SOUTH BEND, Ind., April 23.—Teddy Murphy easily demonstrated his superiority over Bill Henry here last night. Murphy landed at will. The boys stood toe to toe and slugged. Murphy drove Henry to the ropes. For every blow that Henry landed Teddy landed four.

BOMBARDIER WELLS SCORES KNOCKOUT



Paul Journee dropping to the mat.

Bombardier Wells, veteran English pugilist, is still a popular and busy fighter. The picture above, a remarkable one, shows one of Wells' recent victories—the knocking out of Paul Journee of France. Wells landed the final wallop in the thirteenth round. The Britisher had sent Journee to the mat for counts of six, nine, eight and seven in previous rounds. The bout was staged in Albert Hall, London. Wells' most recent feat was the knocking out of Eddie McGoorty, American fighter, in the sixteenth round.

CONFLICTS IN MAJORS SHIFT TO NEW FIELD

East Meets East and West Tackles West—Attendance Encouraging.

NEW YORK, April 23.—Half of the big-time baseball fans who couldn't sit in on the opening games last week will be accommodated today. The same teams, with the same scenes reversed, will appear in the yards that have been dark this season.

The East will fight the East and the West will fight the West in a three-day engagement in the National League, while Ban Johnson has booked a four-day series for his valiants.

The Giants will put themselves liable to another mauling from the Braves in Boston; Brooklyn goes to safe and sane Philadelphia; the Cards will help in the exemplification of the baseball degrees for George Gibson in Pittsburgh, and the Reds will try to make Grover Alexander look cheap before his "home-town fans" in Chicago.

Ban Johnson, having let his wrath against the Yankees subside, apparently wished Col. Huston's boys to win their opening game in Harlem, so he booked them with the Athletics. Mack has been doing things to the Yanks, however, and he may not be bluffed out by a few thousand rabid Gothamites. The Red Sox take their clean slate to Washington, where there isn't much danger from "dirt." Gleason takes his two pitchers, Williams and Cicotte, and his other players to Detroit, and the Cleveland Indians journey to St. Louis.

Attendance at all the games so far this season has indicated another reign of prosperity for the national pastime.

DAN O'LEARY IS BACK IN TOWN

Dan O'Leary, the famous old pedestrian, returned to Chicago yesterday after a six-months' trip in which he visited

all the leading cities of the South and Southwest. His last stop was at Dallas. Dan soon will start a campaign to teach the women the way to walk and the kind of heels to wear.

LEONARD GETS \$100,000 OFFER

LOS ANGELES, Cal., April 23.—Benjamin Leonard, lightweight champion, now appearing in motion pictures here, today received a straight offer of \$100,000 for three fights in he held in Jersey City, N. J., during the summer. Georges Papin, French lightweight title-holder, is named as the "headliner" among Leonard's proposed opponents. Mike O'Dowd, middleweight champion, is another boxer who the promoter plans to have meet Leonard with either Johnny Dundee or Richie Mitchell to be chosen for the other bout.

Dave Driscoll, manager of the Jersey City Club making the offer telegraphed the club's proposition to Billy Gibson, Leonard's manager today.

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GREAT RACE FOR PENNANT IS PREDICTED

By JACK VEIOCK.
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NEW YORK, April 23.—Col. C. L. Huston, half owner of the Yanks, believes the present race for the American League pennant will be the best in the history of the organization.

"I look for a pennant race that will be talked about in future years," said Col. Huston today. "From the looks of things now, there are no hopelessly weak clubs in the league and it will not surprise me to see three or even four clubs in a neck and neck race down the home stretch in September."

"Some of the teams that were rated weak by the experts prior to the opening of the season are showing up well, but of course, it is too early in the season to make comparisons. We'll know more about the real strength of the various teams after they've all met in at least one series."

Col. Huppert and myself are pleased with the Yanks. The fact that our club has gotten away to a slow start is not discouraging. The boys simply are not hitting. I think we've got the talent necessary for a winner, but as yet it has not been knit firmly together.

"Yes, Babe Ruth is going to help us a lot. It was unfortunate that he had to be kept out of the opening game here, but he will not be out of the lineup for long. Wrenched muscle—oh, three days to a week. I look for Ruth to shatter his home-run record. He ought to hit

LINEUP OF THE LEAGUES

AMERICAN LEAGUE.			
	W.	L.	Pct.
Chicago	4	0	1.000
Boston	5	1	.833
Cleveland	5	1	.833
Washington	3	2	.600
New York	2	4	.333
St. Louis	1	3	.250
Philadelphia	1	4	.200
Detroit	0	6	.000

Yesterday's Results.
Chicago, 8; Detroit, 2.
New York, 5; Philadelphia, 6.
Washington, 5; Boston, 5.
Cleveland, 11; St. Louis, 3.

Games Today.
Chicago at Detroit.
Cleveland at St. Louis.
Philadelphia at New York.
Boston at Washington.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.			
	W.	L.	Pct.
Pittsburgh	6	3	.667
Brooklyn	4	3	.571
Philadelphia	4	2	.667
Cincinnati	3	3	.500
St. Louis	3	4	.429
Boston	2	3	.400
Chicago	2	3	.400
New York	1	4	.200

Yesterday's Results.
Chicago, 4; Cincinnati, 3.
Philadelphia, 4; Brooklyn, 2.
Other games, wet grounds.

Games Today.
Cincinnati at Chicago.
St. Louis at Pittsburgh.
New York at Boston.
Brooklyn at Philadelphia.

around thirty-five homers this season for the Polo grounds are made to order for him."

Cal. Huston said he has so far failed to notice any change in the pitching as a result of the new rules.

"I do not believe the pitchers will be handicapped by the new rules once they get used to them," he said.

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OUR FIGHT DECISIONS

AT CAMDEN, N. J.—Jimmy Wilde stopped Battling Murray (8).
LORAIN, O.—Johnny Kilbane knocked out Alvie Miller (7).
AT ROCKFORD—Frankie Kirk knocked out "Rock Island" Tony Caponi (8).
Polks Bengston knocked out Kid Herman (1); Sammy Mandell stopped Johnny Gannon (5); Eddie Clifford beat Eddie Krippa (8).
AT SALT LAKE CITY—Leo Morrissey and Tommy O'Brien fought draw (16).
AT BOSTON—Young Chaney beat Bobby Joseph (12); Nate Siegel beat Paul Doyle (12).
AT PORTLAND, ORE.—Fred Fulton stopped Jack Thompson (6).
AT HIBBING, MINN.—Howard Mayberg beat Benny Vogt (10).
AT LONDON, ENGLAND—Jeff Smith, Bayonne, N. J., knocked out Bandsman Rice in the second round.
AT PORTLAND, ORE.—Fred Fulton scored a technical knockout over Jack Thompson, Oklahoma Negro boxer, in the sixth round of a scheduled ten-round bout.
AT MAYORNE, N. J.—Johnny Darcy of the U. S. S. Kansas, knocked out Johnny Daley of Jersey City in the second round.

SAYS FULTON WOULD MEET DEMPSEY

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)
PORTLAND, Ore., April 23.—Tom O'Rourke, manager for Fred Fulton, today gave out the following statement concerning the report that Billy Mike, St. Paul heavyweight, would fight Dempsey since Fulton had declined to take issue with the champion:

"The report that Fred Fulton has declined to fight Dempsey is a deliberate lie. Fulton will fight Dempsey tonight, tomorrow night, or any night to come. He is only too anxious to meet Dempsey and any report to the contrary is both erroneous and malicious."

TAGGING ALL THE BASES

By JACK VEIOCK
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HERO FOR A DAY—Turner Barber, of the Cubs.

BARBER'S triple with Herzog on first in the eleventh inning enabled Chicago to larrup the Reds, 5 to 2.

HEAVY cannonading by Milan, Rice, Roth and Cherrity gave the Senators a victory over the Red Sox in their opener at home.

LEE MEADOWS whiffed eight Senators and pitched the Phils to victory in their opener.

TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND fans saw the Yanks finish two jumps ahead of the Athletics in their opening game. Babe Ruth wrenched a muscle in his side and played but one inning.

THE White Sox went into the lead when they hammered three Tigers pitchers. Jackson's hitting was the feature. He got two doubles and two singles.

SPEAKER, Chapman and Gardner clouted the offerings of four Browns pitchers to all parts of the lot and St. Louis lost its opener at home.

THE Athletics are wearing green elephants on their road uniforms. "Sign of envy or what?" queried a wit. "You ask 'em, my trunk's packed," replied his neighbor.

JEFF SMITH PUTS OUT RICE IN SECOND

LONDON, April 23.—Jeff Smith, the Bayonne, N. J., middleweight, last night knocked out "Bandsman" Rice in the second round of what was to have been a twenty-round bout. The men met in the Holborn Stadium.

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